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Vasco Futscher PEREIRA  
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Ambassador-Designate to  
the United States (since  
January 1981)

Addressed as:  
Mr. Ambassador



Vasco Pereira, an able proponent of Portuguese policies, is highly regarded by his government, for which he has handled many sensitive assignments. He was Ambassador to Malawi during 1969-72, when Portugal had no other ambassadors in a black African nation and was one of the few remaining colonial powers in Africa; special envoy to Scandinavian capitals before the 1973 conference of the UN-sponsored Organization of African Unity in Oslo that dealt with Portuguese colonies in Africa; and Ambassador to Brazil during 1974-77, in a period of strained Portuguese-Brazilian relations after the 1974 military coup. From June 1977 until he was appointed to his current position, he was Permanent Representative to the United Nations. [REDACTED]

Pereira is pro-US, and he supports NATO. During 1979-80 he served on the UN Security Council, [REDACTED]

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During meetings of the Security Council on Iran's seizure of US diplomats, he criticized that country's actions harshly; he pointed out the human rights implications as well as the potential threat to small nations when international laws are not respected (a recurrent theme of Pereira's). [REDACTED]

Pereira, 59, has a doctorate in history and philosophy. He joined the Foreign Ministry in 1948 and has served abroad in Rabat, Leopoldville (now Kinshasa), Karachi, Madrid and Bonn. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He plays bridge on a professional level and enjoys golf. He speaks fluent English, French, Italian and Spanish. Pereira and his wife have both been married before, and each has two children. [REDACTED]

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